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LAST STRIKINGS: In Memoriam

The King Is Dead

As most NCNA Heads and Tales readers have learned, one of the most honored, well-known, and respected figures in California numismatics, Rudy Gjurovich, King of the Coin Collectors, passed away last August 3rd at the age of 84.

Your Editor, though he had heard for many years of the King of the Coin Collectors, had the honor of meeting Rudy only twice; however, in both incidents, it was clear that one was in the presence of both a leader and revered figure in our hobby.

Your Editor long before his first and brief meeting with Rudy had learned that Rudy was somebody important to the advancement of our hobby. He was somebody who had and continued to do more that his share to promote our hobby. He was somebody who held fraternal links with every fellow coin hobbyist. He was somebody who knew the our hobby's key strength was not in names but in fellowship.

To Rudy, the value of our hobby was not in dollars and cents; it was in people.

To Rudy, publicizing our hobby far outweighted the profits.

To Rudy, coins were a means of meeting and mingling with people, not just money.

To Rudy, love and honor that he was to receive warmed his heart far greater than the increasing value of his collections.

Rudy was one, and possibly unique, figure in our hobby that comes maybe once in a generation or even in a century. He left a permanent memory that may never be replaced or equalled.

Rudy did another servce maybe far more important that what he gave numismatics which he did give so much for. He did--in his top hat and famous coat, in his person of The King, and in his enthusiasm--something to make not just his life but all of our lives and thus our world a little better for all.

Now, Rudy is gone. We, however, our left with a legacy, not just fond memories. Our legacy from this most unique man is simply to do as he did and try each in our own way to promote our hobby and to leave, as he did, our world a little better for all.

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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

My editorial comments will strive to be brief this Issue as my primary concern is to get this Issue out in face of a death in my immediate family and the end of my faithful Underwood typewriter. Presently, I am using a borrowed typewriter from my school which is great as it has a correcting feature.

The recent 30th Anniversary of my home coin club, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, and the upcoming 25th Anniversaries of the Diablo Numismatic Society and the San Francisco Coin Club are cause for reflection on coin club anniversaries.

It has been my 'bone-of-contention' that some northern California Coin Clubs have completely ignored their Anniversaries or celebrated such important event with brief notice in their newsletters or with only a cake as special refreshments at a meeting.

Some might say 'So What?'

I answer strongly and loudly that Anniversaries are meant to be announced, celebrated, and enjoyed. It is a time to remember, to reflect, and to renew.

To lessen the event, whether the 10th Anniversary, the 25th Anniversary or Silver Jubilee, or other, is to cheapen one's own coin club and the work given by many others through the years to make one's coin club a success.

Celebrate. Stop and take measure. Coin clubs are living beings. As with marriage, careers, or such, age is not an hindrance. It is a sign of achievement, a milestone, and endurance.

Commemorate. Enjoy and reflect on your coin club's past. All coin clubs have a history which is the building material for their future.

Renew. True, the Anniversary is only a measure of time; however, its true value should not only to look back and remember but to begin the next years. Look confidently into and go into the future.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

Rudy Gjurovich

As most NCNA Heads and Tales readers should know, Rudy Gjurovich, familiar and famous King of the Coin Collectors, passed away last August 3, 1984. A native of San Jose, he had been an active coin hobbyist since 1946 and held Membersip #1 in the San Jose Coin Club. He was a Charter Member of NCNA and its President from 1966 thru 1968. He is survived by his wife, Frieda.

Elsewhere in this Issue is a Memorial written by your Editor which is his, and all of NCNA, final tribute and farewell to the 'King'.

Readers seeking more biographical information are welcomed to check on Coin World article dated August 29, 1984, page 31, and Numismatic News article dated August 18, 1984, page 27, plus, a short anonymous biography sent to your Editor by Margaret Stern, Corresponding Secretary of the Santa Cruz Coin Club, and a fine article written by Ed Sins, NCNA Treasurer and active figure in San Jose Coin Club, who was also a close friend of Rudy, for the San Jose Coin Club August newsletter issue.

Mailing Addresses

Thanks to good record-keeping and an annual purge of non-paying/delinquent dues members, not many NCNA Heads and Tales issues are returned as undeliverable.

However, this does happen occasionally. Thus, your Editor requests NCNA Members update their current mailing information with both the Treasurer and the Editor.

Coin Clubs are strongly suggested to maintain permanent post office box mailing addresses. The cost versus the convenience, stability, security, and a business-like approach are nil.

Coin Club Proof Sets and Wood Orders

As a means of checking, listed below are the Coin Clubs that should have by now received their proof set, for advertising the recent NCNA Coin Show and Convention, and/or free wood order:

Proof Set	Woods
San Francisco Coin Club	Mission Bell Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club	NCWMC
Gateway Coin Club	Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society	Delta Coin Club
Delta Coin Club	Southeastern Sierra Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club	Peninsula Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club	Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club	
Southeastern Sierra Coin Club	

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If a Coin Club listed has not received what is credited, contact your Editor immediately. Proof sets were mailed Insured First Class.

Woods for 1984 NCNA Coin Show and Convention

Simply and briefly, there are none left. Zero. Sorry.

1984 NCNA Coin Show and Convention Exhibit Winners

Best of Show--William D. Henry, 'A Coin Tells Its Story'

First Place Junior--David Arietta, 'Kennedy Half Dollar'

First Place Adults: Sam C. Rumph, 'Odd US Type Coins'

Raisa Titoff, 'Medals of Empress Cathrine the Great'

Victor Titoff, 'Coins of Tibet'

Second Place Adults: Ed Sins, 'Symbols On Our Dollar'

Raisa Titoff, 'Medals of Peter the Great'

Mike Stanley, 'California Woods'

Third Place Adults: Victor Titoff, 'Chinese Communist Coins'

Raisa Titoff, 'Coins of Mongolia'

Victor Titoff, 'America in Space'

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Something For NCNA Readers

Stephen M. Huston, Professional Numismatist

Since Mr. Huston was a recent 1984 NCNA Coin Show and Convention Educational Forum speaker and as a courtesy, your Editor calls to NCNA Heads and Tales readers' attention that Mr. Huston is a full-time coin dealer with over twenty-five years experience specializing in ancient and medieval coinage. He issues regularly fixed price lists, and readers interested in this highly specialized and historic facet of numismatics are invited to contact:

Stephen M. Huston
Professional Numismatist
PO Box 3621
San Francisco, CA 94119
415-681-0790

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Vallejo Numismatic Society 30th Anniversary Medal

Has been sold out. All eighty-two available serial numbered minted one ounce .999 fine silver Medals have been claimed. Orders are now being taken for the 1985 Vallejo Coin Show medal, design yet to be selected with medals available in January 1985. Only a few of these first Vallejo Coin Show medals are available. Those interested are welcomed to contact:

Jim Murphy, Medal Coordinator
Vallejo Numismatic Society
PO Box 4281
Vallejo, CA 94590

The price for these silver Vallejo Coin Show medals is $25.00 each with a mintage anticipated to be about one hundred. No bronze versions are planned at this time.

Peninsula Coin Club 30th Anniversary Medal

The PCC which was established in 1954 is celebrating its 30th Anniversary and has issued its first club medal. The Medal depicts the PCC logo on the obverse and Stanford Stadium on the reverse. The Stadium is the home for the Stanford Cardinal Football Team and the site selected for Super Bowl XIX in January 1985.

The Medal is available in .999 one ounce fine silver with only one hundred silver pieces struck and the bronze version limited to no more than one thousand pieces. Silver Medals are available for $26.50 each and the bronze for $3.00 each, postage and mailing is included in the price. The Peninsula Coin Club reserves the right to limit purchase by any one individual on the number of silver Medals.

Medals may be ordered by sending remittance payable to:

Peninsula Coin Club
1984 Medals
PO Box 60484
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Request For A Fellow Collector

NCNAers who collect elongated coins are invited to contact:

D. F. 'Doug' Fairbanks, Sr.
5937 Beadle Drive
Jamesville, New York 13078

Mr. Fairbanks is an active collector of elongated coins and seeks to buy, sell, and/or trade with like collectors.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

- Delta Coin Club
- Diablo Numismatic Society
- Peninsula Coin Club
- Vallejo Numismatic Society
- Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
- Cupertino Coin Club
- Redwood Empire Coin Club
- Liberty Numismatic Society
- San Francisco Coin Club
- Fresno Numismatic Society
- Fremont Coin Club
- Fairfield Coin Club
- San Jose Coin Club
- Gateway Coin Club
- Southeastern Sierra Coin Club

Delta Coin Club Held its Annual Picnic last July 15th with "FRANK and SHIRLEY ELIZARRARAZ won the 'Egg Toss' game again this year. Ask them how many years this makes for their winning streak". The DCC's 20th Annual Coin Show will be this October 27th and 28th, Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm, at the Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon, Stockton. The DCC Newsletter Editor continues his good advice: "Sunlight or fluroescent light should be avoided when examining a coin to determine its grade. The best light source is a 75 watt lamp in an otherwise dim room". Good Advice.

Diablo Numismatic Society Featured its Vice-President KARL HEUER talking on the 1893 Columbian Exposition at its July 19th meeting. The September 20th meeting had the slide program, 'Coins With Special Significance'. It was reported that MARK CLARK "brought some 'Kissy' money, with one piece being worth 1/100 of a wife. MARK has been careful to keep a low inventory of these". The big upcoming event for the DNS is its 24th Annual Coin Show on December 2nd at the Pleasant Hill Civic Center, 320 Civic Drive near Taylor, Concord. Your Editor has no information on this Coin Show at this time, but does note that this is the only club coin show in this area during December. For information, contact: "SAM RUMPH, PO Box 593, Clayton, CA, 94517".

Peninsula Coin Club Will host its 15th Annual Coin Show on Sunday, November 11th, at the Hyatt Hotel, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. The Coin Show will feature forty-five coin dealers, exhibits, and a Gold Coin Raffle. Interested dealers and exhibitors should contact: "Peninsula Coin Club, PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA, 94306".

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Vallejo Numismatic Society Celebrated its 30th Anniversary last September 14th at Rod' Hickory Pit in Vallejo. Representives from the Napa Valley Coin Club, Fairfield Coin Club, Diablo Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, and California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) were present. At the Banquet commemorating this Anniversary, President LUCKY WILLIAMS presented to MICHAEL S. TURRINI silver Service Medal #1 and to MAXINE M. HOPPERSTAD silver Service Medal #2 in recognition and sincere appreciation for outstanding and constant dedicated support of the VNS. The recently established Service Medal is the VNS' highest award and limited to a maximum of two per year. MIKE STANLEY has become the new VNS Bulletin Editor.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Continues its activities with good speakers with JERRY F. SCHIMMEL, 'The Coins of San Francisco', last August 29th. The PCNS has voted to established "The Journal of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society": "As conceived, THE JOURNAL OF THE PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY will be a quarterly publication of twenty pages per issue . . . The monthly PCNS BULLETIN will be continued in a scaled down form . . . The first issue of the JOURNAL is to be published in October of 1984 with subsequent issues being delivered to each member on a quarterly basis. These will appear in January, April, and July, and October. Editor of the new JOURNAL is STPEHEN HUSTON, while DAVE LANGE will continue to edit the reduced BULLETIN." The primary purpose of this new publication is to be a "journal of numismatic scholarship".

Cupertino Coin Club Recent CCC meeting speakers have been FRANK NIELSEN, World Coins, July 6th; JIM GLOVER, FAO Coins, August 3rd, and BILL WEBER, Exonumia, September 7th. The winners in the CCC's Youth Numismatist program were: JENNIFER LO, First; CHRIS SCOTT, Second, and MICHELLE STARR, Third.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Will hold its 17th Annual Coin-A-Rama and Stamp Show at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1351 Maple, Santa Rosa, on November 18th, Sunday. For information, contact: "LORENE FARNSWORTH, Publicity Coordinator, 582 Este Madera Drive, Sonoma, CA, 95476".

Liberty Numismatic Society Had JOE WARGO talk on 'Gold and Silver Trends Today' at its August 7th meeting. It was reported that "PAT MORGAN, BILL MORGAN's wife, had heart surgery last month (July) and is now home from the hospital. BILL already has her cooking again". MARIAN SINTON attended and represented the LNS at the recent ANA Detroit Convention and reported on the same at the September 4th meeting, and JIM ROSEN gave a program on United States Copper Coinage at the same meeting.

San Francisco Coin Club Has had its honored President DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN AS Acting Editor during the past Summer months. He also presented an illustrated talk on Swedish Coins and Mints

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at the July 24th meeting. STEPHEN M. HUSTON presented a program on his award-winning research into the very rare 1898 Mexican Peso Restrikes at the San Francisco Mint in 1948 at the August 28th meeting. November 3rd is the date for the SFCC's Annual Banquet, as usual at the Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco.

Fresno Numismatic Society Will hold its 18th Annual Coin-A-Rama in the Apollo Room of the Hacienda Inn, 2550 West Clinton and Highway 99, Fresno, on November 3rd and 4th, Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm. A full bourse, drawing, and exhibits will comprise the Coin-A-Rama's program. Recent FNS meeting programs have been: DALE HEWLETT, slide program 'Ships on Coins', July 10th; Numismatic Quiz, August 14th, and slide program 'United States Gold Coins', September 11th.

Fremont Coin Club Exhibit winners at the recent FCC's August 19th Coin Show were: GLEN JACOB, Best of Show; STEVE SHOWERS, First; BOB KEEGAN, Second, and CHRIS SEIDLER, Third. In the Juniors, the winners were: SEAN HAVERCROFT, First; MIKE FOX, Second, and CHRIS SEIDLER, JR., Third. The FCC holds both an annual golf and bowling tournament which TOM CHESKO coordinates; Double Eagle Editor CAL WILSON reports, "TOM tells me that he is considering combining the golf tourny with the bowling tournament, making it a 'biathlon' event. If you are interested in participating, please sign up . . . Keep in mind that TOM shoots in the seventies and carries a 200+ bowling average! Maybe we should just give him the trophy now". CAL WILSON continues his newsletter Numismatic Quiz; the August issue question was: "Who is generally regarded as America's first full time coin dealer, and in what year did he enter the business?". The answer is Edward Cogan in the year 1859.

Fairfield Coin Club Heard HANS HANSON talk on Swedish Coins at its July 25th meeting. ERVIN HICKS, JR. spoke on Comic Books, both as a hobby and investment, at the August 22nd meeting. His talk was supplemented with a large display of rare and vintage comics, and your Editor was glad to learn that Dell comics character Uncle Scrooge McDuck, Donald Duck's plutocratic uncle, is a popular comic character to collectors. Uncle Scrooge was a childhold hero to your Editor.

San Jose Coin Club Mourns the death of RUDY GJUROVICH. ED SINS, long-time SJCC Librarian, delivered at the August 15th meeting 'A Tribute to Rudy Gjurovich'. It was a moving and dignified remembrance to Rudy, and your Editor had the privilege of hearing SINS' talk. Your Editor commends his strong but sincere tribute to one of the greats in our hobby. It should also be noted that the September issue "marks the fifteenth year of our current club bulletin. The bulletin has been written for the entire period by ED SINS. LARRY BENSON is in charge of printing and mailing."

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Gateway Coin Club Remains active at its regular meeting location and and dates: First and Third Thursdays in the Community Room of Guarantee Savings, 19th and M streets, Merced.

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club Writes and it is good to hear from our distant neighbor Coin Club over the high Sierras. Held a picnic this September 30th, Sunday afternoon, in Bishop, California.

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Note From Your Editor

Personal To All NCNA Heads and Tales Readers

This Fifteenth Issue has been a major burden for me to write, type, have printed, organize and staple, and mail. This is due to the disruption in my life of the death of my grandfather, my Mother's father, last September 18th, at the ripe age of 95. My grandfather was an Italian immigrant who came to this country nearly broke and not able to speak a word in English back in 1911. He had lived since and until recently in Oakland where he had been until he retired at age 72 a nurseryman. In recent years, I had been helping my Mother care for him, and his death is hard for our family to take. It prevented me from attending the recent NCNA Coin Show and Convention.

Another factor is that my old Underwood typewriter has finally typed its last word. Since I am now without a typewriter, future Issues of NCNA Heads and Tales are in doubt. With my poor typing ability, I am extremely reluctant to invest money in another typewriter.